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Removal of Pantry Cars
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pantry car and other basic facilities such as cleanliness are lacking in Seemanchal Express running between Jogbani, Bihar-Anand Vihar Train No. 12487 and 12488;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to start a pantry car in this train; and
(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be provided and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): As per norms laid down in the Catering Policy 2010, provision for attachment of pantry cars is based on order of priority with first priority to Duronto and Rajdhani Express trains; followed by long distance premier, superfast trains; Mail & Express trains with more than 24 hours journey time either way; and lastly for the remaining trains, with preference to those trains in which vestibules are provided. Accordingly, attachment of the pantry car is done as per Catering Policy depending upon the above priority and availability of pantry cars. The running time of Train Number 12487/12488 Anand Vihar − Jogbani, Seemanchal Express, is approximately 24 Hours. At present, there are 245 pairs of long distance trains including Anand Vihar Jogbani Seemanchal Express, having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have not been provided due to paucity of pantry car.
Catering services in Seemanchal Express is provided through E-catering scheme.
Besides thorough cleaning of coaches of this train during primary maintenance prior to journey, under the On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) scheme, cleaning of coaches including toilets is being undertaken during run also.

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